

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 4-6, 8-10, 12 and 15-17 have been amended in order to avoid multiple dependency. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

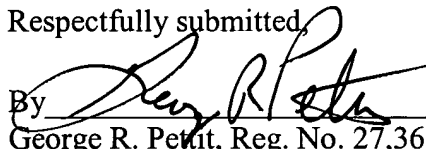
Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21046-00048-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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